

SC NAACP v. Alexander,
D.S.C. Case No. 3:21-cv-03302-MGL-TJH-RMG

EXHIBIT 8

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
3 COLUMBIA DIVISION
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5 THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP,
6 et al.,

7 Plaintiffs,

8 vs. CASE NO.: 3:21-CV-03302-MGL-TJH-RMG

9 THOMAS C. ALEXANDER, et al.,

10 Defendants.
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12 DEPOSITION OF: SENATOR LUKE A. RANKIN
13 (APPEARING VIA VIRTUAL ZOOM)

14 DATE: August 2, 2022

15 TIME: 10:52 AM

16 LOCATION OF
17 THE DEPONENT: Rankin & Rankin Law Firm
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Conway, SC

18 TAKEN BY: Counsel for the Plaintiffs

19 REPORTED BY: TERRI L. BRUSSEAU
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1 plan that, again, through all the vetting that it
2 underwent before, you would not want to run away
3 from that for the voting public and, you know,
4 constituent consistency, effectively the -- not
5 that just the way because you've done it the way
6 you've done it means you can't venture beyond, but
7 that would not be a smart move.

8 And, in fact, we -- there's a document
9 you've generated, I hadn't seen it before
10 yesterday, I think, about the various plans that
11 the lead that NAACP, perhaps even Senator
12 Harpootlian's, that compare that -- the split of
13 counties and VTD's, but it wouldn't -- it wouldn't
14 make sense to upset that and undo what has been
15 effectively abided by and adopted by the courts for
16 ten years.

17 Q. Well, yeah, I -- I appreciate that.
18 I'm not really asking about that. My hypothetical
19 was if a staff member told you they just ignored,
20 for example, the consideration of minimizing county
21 splits and instead maximized them, purely
22 hypothetical, I'm just asking you, would that have
23 been a red line to you? Would you have said, no,
24 we cannot adopt that map because it overtly
25 violates a guideline?

CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, Terri L. Brusseau, Notary Public for the State of South Carolina at Large, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a true, accurate, and complete record.

I further certify that I am neither related to nor counsel for any party to the cause pending or interested in the events thereof.

Witness my hand, I have hereunto affixed my official seal this 12th day of August 2022 at Charleston, Charleston County, South Carolina.



Terri L. Brusseau, Court Reporter
My Commission expires
April 5, 2026.

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3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DEPONENT

4 I, Senator Luke A. Rankin, do hereby declare that I
5 have read the foregoing transcript, I have made any
6 corrections, additions, or changes I deemed necessary as
7 noted above to be appended hereto, and that the same is
8 a true, correct and complete transcript of the testimony
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12 Senator Luke A. Rankin

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